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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-25. (CANCELLED)

Please cancel claims 26-28, 41-44 and 48-50, without prejudice.

26. Cancelled.

27. Cancelled.

28. Cancelled.

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)

A device for generative manufacture of a three-dimensional object, the device comprising:

- a construction area, in which the object is manufactured;

- a controller;

- a construction platform;

- a conveyor;

- a platform supplier, which feeds the construction platform to the conveying device; and

- a platform remover device, which removes the construction platform from the device

from the conveying device after the object is manufactured:

wherein the controller controls the execution of the following steps:

- a) manufacture of an object;

- b) removal of the manufactured object from the construction area; and

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c) repeating steps a) and b);
wherein at least step b) utilizes the conveyor, and
wherein the platform supplier and platform remover are connected to the conveying device by a switch gear.

30. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)

A device for generative manufacture of a three-dimensional object, the device comprising:

- a construction area, in which the object is manufactured;
- a controller;
- a construction platform;
- a conveyor;
- a traveling actuator, which sets the position of the construction platform in the construction area; and
- a connector, which connects the construction platform to the actuator wherein the controller controls the execution of the following steps:
 - a) manufacture of an object;
 - b) removal of the manufactured object from the construction area; and
 - c) repeating steps a) and b);wherein at least step b) utilizes the conveyor.

31. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device according to claim 30, further comprising a connection final control element, which actuates the connector.

32. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device according to claim 31, wherein the connection final control element is the actuator.

33. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device according to claim 30, wherein the construction platform comprises the connector.

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34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)

A device for generative manufacture of a three-dimensional object, the device comprising:

- a construction area, in which the object is manufactured;
- a controller;
- a construction platform;
- a conveyor; and

a construction frame, which surrounds the construction platform, and which is moved together with the construction platform

wherein the controller controls the execution of the following steps:

- a) manufacture of an object;
- b) removal of the manufactured object from the construction area; and
- c) repeating steps a) and b);

wherein at least step b) utilizes the conveyor.

35. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device according to claim 34, further comprising:

a mounting; and

a coupler, which joins the construction frame to the mounting during loading and detaches the construction frame from the mounting during unloading.

36. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device according to claim 35, wherein the coupler comprises a coupling element, which joins the construction frame with the mounting.

37. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device according to claim 35, further comprising a coupling final control element for coupling and/or uncoupling.

38. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device according to claim 37, wherein the coupling final control element is the actuator.

39. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device according to claim 37, wherein the coupler

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element is biased and the coupler comprises a carrier connected to the coupling final control element, wherein the carrier can be moved by the coupling final control element to move the coupling element against the bias.

40. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The device according to claim 35, wherein the coupler comprises an adjustable positioning element, with which the relative position of the construction frame to the mounting in the coupled state can be set.

41. Cancelled.

42. Cancelled.

43. Cancelled.

44. Cancelled.

45. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)

A method for generative manufacture of a three-dimensional object with a device;
the method comprising the steps of:

a) automatically loading of the construction area of the device with a construction platform for carrying the object to be manufactured.

b) manufacturing the object on the construction platform in a construction area;

c) automatically removing the manufactured object from the construction area;

and

d) repeating steps a), b) and c);

wherein step a) further comprises connecting the construction platform to a traveling actuator for setting the position of the construction platform in the construction area.

46. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)

A method for generative manufacture of a three-dimensional object with a device;

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the method comprising the steps of:

a) automatically loading of the construction area of the device with a construction platform for carrying the object to be manufactured.

b) manufacturing the object on the construction platform in a construction area;

c) automatically removing the manufactured object from the construction area;

and

d) repeating steps a), b) and c):

wherein step a) further comprises automatically loading the construction platform into the construction area with a construction frame surrounding the construction platform.

47. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method according to claim 46, further comprising connecting the construction frame to a mounting of the device.

48. Cancelled.

49. Cancelled.

50. Cancelled.

Please enter the following new claims.

51 (NEW). The device according to claim 29, further comprising an applicator for supplying hardenable material on to the construction platform; and a hardening device, which selectively hardens the material.

52 (NEW). The device according to claim 29, wherein the device is structured and arranged such that the object can be manufactured in layers.

53 (NEW). The device according to claim 29, wherein the controller is structured and arranged such that, after the manufactured object has been removed, a system maintenance of

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the device is carried out automatically.

54 (NEW). The device according to claim 30, further comprising an applicator for supplying hardenable material on to the construction platform; and a hardening device, which selectively hardens the material.

55 (NEW). The device according to claim 30, wherein the device is structured and arranged such that the object can be manufactured in layers.

56 (NEW). The device according to claim 30, wherein the controller is structured and arranged such that, after the manufactured object has been removed, a system maintenance of the device is carried out automatically.

57 (NEW). The device according to claim 34, further comprising an applicator for supplying hardenable material on to the construction platform; and a hardening device, which selectively hardens the material.

58 (NEW). The device according to claim 34, wherein the device is structured and arranged such that the object can be manufactured in layers.

59 (NEW). The device according to claim 34, wherein the controller is structured and arranged such that, after the manufactured object has been removed, a system maintenance of the device is carried out automatically.

60 (NEW). The method according to claim 45, wherein the device comprises an applicator for supplying hardenable material onto the construction platform, and a hardening device, which selectively hardens the material, and step b) further comprises:
supplying hardenable material onto the construction platform; and
selectively hardening the material.

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61 (NEW). The method according to claim 45, wherein the device is structured and arranged such that the object can be manufactured in layers and the step b) further comprises manufacturing the object in layers.

62 (NEW). The method according to claim 45, wherein the device comprises a controller that is structured and arranged such that, after the manufactured object has been removed, a system maintenance of the device is carried out automatically and step c) further comprises carrying out automatically a system maintenance.

63 (NEW). The method according to claim 46, wherein the device comprises an applicator for supplying hardenable material onto the construction platform, and a hardening device, which selectively hardens the material, and step b) further comprises:
supplying hardenable material onto the construction platform; and
selectively hardening the material.

64 (NEW). The method according to claim 46, wherein the device is structured and arranged such that the object can be manufactured in layers and the step b) further comprises manufacturing the object in layers.

65 (NEW). The method according to claim 46, wherein the device comprises a controller that is structured and arranged such that, after the manufactured object has been removed, a system maintenance of the device is carried out automatically and step c) further comprises carrying out automatically a system maintenance.